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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 12005

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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CD): SELECTION OF
NEW MEMBERS

1. AT SOCIAL OCCASIONS RELATED TO 21ST INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR FOR DIPLOMATS, SALZBURG, JULY 30-AUGUST 1, FISHER (US) MET WITH ISSRAELYAN (USSR), THORSSON (SWEDEN), AND MOJSOV (PRESIDENT, GA), ALL OF WHOM BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF SELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS FOR CD. ISSRAELYAN INITIALLY SUGGESTED THAT CCD SHOULD BE SITE FOR DISCUSSIONS OF NEW MEMBERS CD. AFTER FIRM OBJECTION BY FISHER, ISSRAELYAN QUICKLY CONVERTED ARGUMENT TO THE FACT THAT GENEVA SHOULD BE THE SITE OF MANY OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS SINCE THIS IS WHERE MANY OF THE EXPERTS WERE, CITING PRESENCE OF GARCIA ROBLES (MEXICO) AS EXAMPLE. ISSRAELYAN ALSO STATED HIS VIEW THAT THE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO FIVE
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AND HIS OBJECTION TO DELEGATING THE DECISION ON SELECTION TO REGIONAL GROUPS. FISHER OFFERED PERSONAL SUGGESTION THAT WHILE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN CAPITALS, OR IN CERTAIN CASES IN GENEVA, MIGHT BE ADVISABLE, FOLLOWING SUCH EXPLORATORY CONVERSATIONS IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO HAVE MEETING AMONG THE FOUR DRAFTERS OF THE LANGUAGE WHICH WAS INCORPORATED IN PARA 120 FINAL REPORT SSOD, FRANCE, UK,

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US, AND USSR. FISHER FURTHER STATED PERSONAL VIEW THAT IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE TO HAVE SUCH A MEETING IN PARIS SO AS MAKE IT EASIER FOR FRENCH TO PARTICIPATE. ISSRAELYAN AGREED, BUT STATED PERSONAL PLANS WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ATTEND UNTIL AFTER THE END OF AUGUST.

2. THORSSON STATED HER OBJECTION TO DELEGATING SELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO REGIONAL GROUPS, BUT WAS RESERVED ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

CONCEPT OF WHETHER OR NOT THERE SHOULD BE A MEETING OF THE FOUR CO-AUTHORS OF PARA 120 WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF OTHER STATES.

3. MOJSOV STATED AS TO IMPLEMENTATION OF PARA 120 THAT, FOLLOWING HIS MEETINGS ON EVENING JUNE 30 WITH FOUR CO-AUTHORS AND CHAIRMEN OF REGIONAL GROUPS, MANY NON-ALIGNED IN NEW YORK HAD IMPRESSION THAT FOUR CO-CHAIRMEN HAD BEEN SUBSTITUTED FOR PREVIOUS TWO AND EXPRESSED MISGIVINGS ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT. IN APPARENT INCONSISTENT OBSERVATION, MOJSOV STATED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THE FOUR CO-AUTHORS TO CONSULT PROMPTLY ON THIS ISSUE, BOTH AMONG THEMSELVES AND WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, AND BE PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH HIM WHEN HE WAS IN GENEVA ON AUGUST 14-16, LOOKING TOWARDS INITIAL AGREEMENT ON NEW MEMBERS, IF NOT ON SPECIFIC COUNTRIES, AT LEAST ON GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION.
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4. COMMENT: DEL BELIEVES TIMING SUGGESTED BY MOJSOV IS IMPRACTICABLE, BUT SUGGESTION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE MADE BY SOVIETS OR BY MOJSOV HIMSELF, TO MEET WITH HIM WHEN HE IS IN GENEVA. DEL PROPOSES TO ADVISE UK THAT IF THIS HAPPENS THEY SHOULD BE PRESENT AT ANY SUCH MEETING TO AVOID IMPLI-CATIONS OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN SUCH MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED, PARTICU-LARLY SINCE IT IS LIKELY TO BE ON AN ON-CALL BASIS; REQUEST GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT. IN VIEW OF ISSRAELYAN'S APPARENT MOVEMENT AWAY FROM CO-CHAIRMEN APPROACH TO RESOLVING MEMBERSHIP PROBLEM AND THE EVIDENT NECESSITY OF GETTING FOUR NUCLEAR POWERS TO AGREE ON AT LEAST THE GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION, IT APPEARS THAT AT SOME POINT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE A FOUR-POWER MEETING TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO PASS TO MOJSOV. FROM WHERE WE SIT, ONE POSSIBILITY THAT SEEMS TO HAVE MERIT WOULD BE TO FOLLOW UP APPROPRIATE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH A FOUR-POWER MEETING IN EARLY SEPTEMBER WHEN ISSRAELYAN WILL BE AVAIL-ABLE. PARIS WOULD BE A LOGICAL SITE FOR SUCH A MEETING, IN VIEW OF SPECIAL FRENCH ROLE IN THIS EXERCISE, AND SEEMS SOMEWHAT PREFERABLE TO OTHER SITES THAT MIGHT BE CONSID-

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